

committing their own time
worth nothing, are content
to receive a moderate
percent simply upon
capital invested. Cattle
can be raised too cheap
in the S.W. to leave a
chance for profitable
pasturing on land worth
\$50 per acre - Now I do not
contemplate an immediate
change in the face of
the present depressed state
of farm affairs - but "times
will change" as they have
before now when I can
sell out and have a
moderate income from
invested capital but still
scarcely a sufficiency to
support my family - and
here the question comes
in What shall I do?

of
Mountaindale Ills
Feb 3 1873

Prof. A. Gray

Dear Sir

I have
your favor of Jan 24th
Will write to Mr. Leefe
to send 2 sets of cuttings
as you direct

I am indebted to you
for urging me to make
up a set of plants - at
once - for Dr. Maximowicz -
For I am really quite
confluent over the result
of my efforts - having
got together a much
better showing for our
western flora than I
expected my present
stock of duplicates would

yield -

I am also preparing
for your acceptance
and use 3 sets of
Salices and two small
packages of Western plants,
- Of course I have but
very little left to send
you from this locality
that would be new - or
in any way needed for
your own Herb, and
desiring to make some
return for the many
kindnesses you have
shown me I will
send them packed
so done up that you
can use them without
any trouble in exchange,

May I trouble you
with one more question
which the inclosed letter

will explain - I desire
very much three plants
of Orophilices! I do not
know that I could get them
direct - and would eagerly
avail myself of this
present opportunity - providing
that I do not ask too
much of you in forwarding
the parcel to MacDougal -

I have a mind to
write you of some personal
affairs which claim at
present from me much
thoughtful consideration

A large influx of foreign
population and consequent
overproduction of farm
staples in the West has
ruined up farming as a
business for all except
the great mass of small
farmers who burn little